

MAINE NEWS.

MAINE LEGISLATURE.

The Close of the Longest Session for Years.

A Few Measures Rushed Through at Last Moment.

The Gavel Falls on Adjournment at 3 O'clock.

The Appropriation Bills for 1901 and 1902.

Special Correspondence Waig and Currier.
ALBANY, April 3. The Sixty-fifth legislature of Maine has completed its work and is now a thing of the past and is work a matter of history.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the gavel for final adjournment fell, and one of the longest and in some respects the most remarkable sessions of the legislature of Maine was brought to a close. Few sessions of the legislature have dealt with matters of more vital importance to the people than this. The whole voting system of the State has been completely changed, and a new and almost untried system adopted in its place. Bills have been introduced to change our tax system for another entirely foreign to our present system and not in accord with the decisions of our courts in tax matters. A constitutional amendment has been proposed and passed.

For submission to the people making an educational qualification necessary for voting and other numerous and important changes made in our laws. Of the amount of work done some conception of it may be had from the fact that bills and resolutions to the number of five hundred and fifty-eight, besides numerous matters of a private character not printed, have been passed upon and either made laws or rejected, but how much of this will stand the test of public opinion remains to be seen. Two matters of the greatest interest to Eastern Maine, one of which was passed and the other referred, are the bill for the appropriation for the Insane Hospital. That an appropriation for a worthy and needed institution should have been refused when the matter was so carefully considered by the commission pointed two years ago, and

Continuously recommended by the committee this year seems indeed strange and still more so in view of the fact that other in the legislature have been made with a lavish hand; but for the past few weeks there has been manifest a dogged determination on the part of some members of the House that no appropriation should be made, and such determination was carried out by refusing a passage to the resolve so nearly an unanimous sentiment of the Senate. The final attempt to save the matter from defeat was made in the House yesterday afternoon on a motion to reconsider its action, but it could not be carried, and so the erection of a new hospital must be held in abeyance for at least two years.

The closing hours of the session were devoted to cleaning up the odds and ends of legislative matters and the passage of the appropriation bill, this being the last bill passed as it is necessary to get all appropriations in before it is printed. During the time the House was waiting for matters in the afternoon the members engaged in the usual fun of

A Mock Session.
Wads of paper, books and printed matter of all kinds were hurled at members who tried to move. In the evening the resolutions and speeches thereon, complimentary to the speaker were presented. Speaker Wadell has been recognized as a presiding officer of marked ability and his courtesy and fair rulings have made him much respected by the members and such kindly feelings were manifested by speeches from Representatives Peckes, Stearns, Payson, Chadbourne, Dickey, Brew, Callahan, Drummond and others. The speaker was presented with the floor-razor portrait of himself which has been hanging in the rotunda of the State House, the presentation being by Col. Osgood of Lewiston.

Major Dickey of Fort Kent was the recipient of a fine gold headed cane from the members, the presentation being by Mr. Stearns in a neat speech.

The Senate
This morning passed the usual resolutions complimenting the President on his national courtesy and fairness in presiding over that body, and during the exercises he was presented with the crayon portrait of himself, by Senator Hayes, a touching speech which warmly commended the members realize the sadness of parting.

President Libby accepted the picture in a feeling manner, thanking the members for their expression of esteem.

The closing work of this morning was much delayed by the printers, and the time that the House was waiting for the members singing popular songs and church hymns and at the sounds were swept through the building it seemed more like a campmeeting than a legislative body.

Today has been a busy one at the office of the State Treasurer, as the members have received their well earned salaries. It has been interesting to watch the expression on the face of members as they placed the one hundred and fifty dollars salary beside the bill for board and such much overabundance the salary, and as they try to make the two add balance.

As we glanced over the shoulders of some members who boarded at the Augusta House, we could see such signs as "three dollars," "five dollars," and so on, and the only way the members could see to balance the account was by placing with the salary the value of their experience and pleasant associations sufficient to balance. But from a financial point of view it is the members cannot consider legislative life a success.

Before final adjournment the President and Speaker were presented with the gavel with which they have so effectively controlled the movements of the members of the respective branches.

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Both branches passed the usual resolutions of thanks to the various officials.

The following bills and resolutions passed both branches: bill for the assessment of a State tax of 1891, '92, \$681,741.00 each year; resolve for two thousand dollars expenses of Governor and Staff at the opening of the World's Fair at Chicago; bill for

Maternal Rights:
at the World's Fair; establishing a bounty on seals; bill authorizing Calais to renew the mortgage of the St. Croix and Penobscot railroad; apportionment of representatives for the next decade.

Both branches took a recess at 1:30.

The Governor and Council acted on the address from the Lockport on the removal from office of Judge Hamilton, of the Biddeford Municipal Court, on charges of intoxication and immorality, and voted for his removal.

The papers will be served to-day or tomorrow.

The appropriation bill calls for 1891—\$1,067,836.47; 1892—\$1,487,135.70.

The legislature adjourned sine die at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The Legislature acted upon four hundred and eighty-four acts and one hundred and thirty resolves.

The bill taxing dogs was passed at the last moment of the session.

THE STEAMERS.

Katahdin and Richmond in Port—Penobscot Not Heard From.

ROCKLAND, April 3. The very severe storm of snow and rain here prevented the steamer Katahdin from leaving for Boston yesterday and she still is at her wharf. The steamer City of Portland for Portland also remains here.

The steamer Penobscot from Boston has not been heard from.

AN APRIL STORM.

Storms and Heavy Gales Reported in the State.

Wires Down, Causing Considerable Inconvenience.

PORTLAND, April 3. A violent snow storm with a heavy gale began at an early hour this morning.

The snow has now turned to rain, but the wind continues high. The wires are down all over the city.

In the harbor great waves are rolling in. A small fishing schooner is ashore on the Cape and other small disasters are reported.

Probably the worst is over.

CORONER'S VERDICT.

To the Hon. H. Miller Case.

ROCKLAND, April 3. The coroner's jury in the case of Ida H. Miller reported today.

The verdict was that death was caused by the infliction of wounds from a pointed instrument with intent to produce abortion by some person or persons unknown.

The coroner, Dr. F. C. Cook, from charges tending to implicate him in furnishing medicines to the deceased for illegal purposes just previous to her death.

KENNEBEC SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The First Annual Meeting Closed.

GAIDNER, April 3. The first annual meeting of the Kennebec County Sunday School Association closed here today after a very successful two days' session.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. I. G. Hallett, of Waterville.

Permanent Secretary, Howard Owen, of Calais.

Treasurer, J. W. Church, of Dallowell.

Executive Committee: Rev. A. S. Ladd, of Gardiner; Rev. J. M. Wyman, of Augusta; Rev. T. P. Williams, of Winslow; Rev. H. Drummond, of Waterville; E. E. Davis, of Augusta.

A vice president will be appointed from each township. The date and place of the next meeting was left with this committee.

THEY HAVE FOUND.

What Caused the Boy's Death.

BIDDEFORD, April 3. The coroner's jury investigating the death of Thomas Hackett, aged seven years, who was mysteriously shot in the head a few days ago, have learned that the ball came from a small rifle in the hands of Napoleon Dolan, who was shooting pigeons.

The inquest will be concluded to-morrow.

JUDGE HAMILTON'S REMOVAL.

Messenger of Governor and Council Notifies Him.

BIDDEFORD, April 3. Major C. J. Hooge, messenger of the Governor and Council, arrived here from Augusta to-night and served on Judge Charles S. Hamilton, of the Biddeford Municipal Court, the Governor's notification of his removal.

The judge is stopping at his father's house in Saco.

AN ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

Old Orchard in Favor of It.

BIDDEFORD, April 3. The Old Orchard Selectmen have voted favorably on the proposition of the Biddeford and Saco Railway Company for the privilege of erecting poles for the equipment of an electric street railway in that town. No decision has yet been reached by the municipal officers of Biddeford or Saco.

OLD MAN'S MARRIAGE.

Mrs. Michael Rosenberger Married.

A Calais, Pa., dispatch says. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rosenberger have lived in a small house on the outskirts of Lewistown, a small village 20 miles from here, for many years.

They had arranged to pay today a bill of nearly \$2,000 for a farm which they had bought, and which they were to leave to their two sons aged 8 and 10 years. The two men came to the door, and knocking, were admitted. They were naked, and the nature of their visit was obvious.

When they saw the money which had been in the house, and which they appeared to have been saving for, they were so much surprised that they did not know what to do. One of the men went to the door and called to the other, who came in and said that he was a married man, and that he had a wife and child. He was forced to give up the money, which had been in the house for some time, and he was forced to go to a physician.

THE TECHNICAL SITUATION.

of the United States with Italy from Washington Standpoint.

Swedish Suggestions of Retaliation—An Obstacle to Italy's Remedies—United States Unconcerned at Threats of War.

A Washington dispatch says: The technical diplomatic situation probably is that at yet there is no absolute diplomatic rupture, but that an inevitable rupture is in the air. The United States Government does not perceive that it is in the wrong, a diplomatic rupture is inevitable. The United States Government does not perceive that it is in the wrong, a diplomatic rupture is inevitable.

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The Columbia street private school will reopen for its spring term on Tuesday, April 7th.

The Young Ladies' Mission Band will meet at the First Church this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Subject, The Microscopic Mission.

Landlord Tools, of the Merchants' Hotel, is building a new refrigerator, of the latest improved pattern, which will be very beneficial to the hotel trade.

The wholesale grocery dealers report that the prices of pork and lard continue to have a tendency upward, and the market is quite firm. The whole provision market is quite steady at the present time.

Another of the very pleasant "gym" dances will be given next Thursday evening at Mr. F. H. Dodge's school of physical culture, and there will doubtless be the customary large attendance.

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